

HAMPDEN/HERMON MEETING
September 30, 2008

Attending:

Councilor Tom Brann
Councilor Matthew Arnett
Councilor Shannon Cox
Town Manager Sue Lessard, Hampden
Town Manager Clint Deschene, Hermon

The meeting was held at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at the Hampden Town Office. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues of common interest that could/should be included either in regional planning efforts or as part of the Comprehensive Plan of each community.

Hermon Pond

Attendees discussed the Hermon Pond area, particularly the Fowler's Landing Road in Hampden, and some of the difficulties that resulted from two different communities with two different sets of standards for development activity in that region. Although this area is somewhat of a 'bump' on the edge of the border between the two communities, there is reluctance to consider simply ceding the territory to Hermon because of its status as containing one of only 5 aquifers in Hampden. There was consensus among those present that the two communities should meet to discuss ways in which we can work together on the issues of consistent development rules for this area.

Coldbrook Road

Another area of particular importance is the shared border in the Coldbrook Road area. There is the possibility for the two communities to work together in terms of extending water and sewer from Hermon to Hampden, development of consistent zoning in the region between communities, and the ongoing question of the landfill and now the gas-to-energy plant that is in operation.

Shaw Brook

The status of Shaw Brook as an Urban Impaired Stream affects the communities of Hampden, Bangor, and Hermon. The three communities have already pledged to work together on developing a solution to this problem that is consistent across community lines.

Other possible topics of discussion include a review of zoning between the two communities for the entire length of the border as well as looking at possible improvements to the Souadabscook corridor.

It was the consensus of those in attendance that there was great value in the two communities setting up a meeting structure to discuss these and other issues of common interest. In addition, the identification of these issues can be included in the comprehensive planning process of each community to insure that they do not get 'missed' in terms of long term planning.

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Susan Lessard
Town Manager